

Patentability. The following changes are made in this Preliminary Amendment for the reasons given.

The description and drawings have been previously amended to allow for numerical values to be inserted into otherwise non-numerically-defined value limitations already present in the description at page 9; new claims 40 through 45 similarly arise from these now-defined numerical values. It is believed that these numerical values do not constitute new matter as the non-descriptive value limitations have already been disclosed in the original application and are not crucial to the inventiveness of the apparatus; it is therefore further believed that the additions to the claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

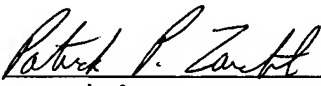
For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application as amended is ready for examination and allowance under 35 U.S.C. 371. Should there be any further questions, this Office is respectfully requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative at 973-595-6625 to arrange for a personal or telephonic interview in an effort to resolve any such questions.

AUTHORIZATION

No fees are believed due for this submittal.

Respectfully submitted,

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